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10/717,543

11/21/2003

Thomas Gerlach

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TITLE OF INVENTION: STAPLING DEVICE

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02 FC:1504

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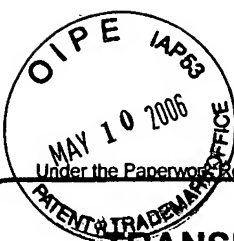
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THOMAS GERLACH and DIRK DROEGE

Art Unit

3721

Examiner Name

Nathaniel C. Chukwurah

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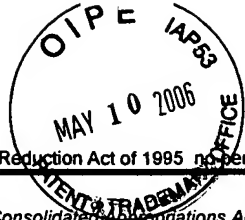
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**
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In Re U.S. Patent Application of:

Applicant: THOMAS GERLACH and DIRK DROEGE

Serial No.: 10/717,543

Group Art Unit: 3721

Filed: November 21, 2003

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For: STAPLING DEVICE

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May 10, 2006

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